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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: PURCHASE OF 9,700 PREFABRICATED  
WOODEN HOUSES

1. MR. CHARLES R. COLLING, A BELGIAN, RESIDING IN PERU SINCE 1952 AND ACTING AS CONSUL AD-HONOREM OF MONACO FOR PER AND BOLIVIA, IS ACTIVE AS A COMMISSION AGENT DEALING MAINLY WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. HE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY OF SUBJECT PURCHASE WHICH BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO MAKE THROUGH CORPORACION MINERA DE BOLIVIA (COMIPOL), OPERATOR OF MINES. REPORTEDLY, PROJECT COVERS TOTAL OF 9,700 PREFABRICATED WOODEN HOUSES: 6,700 EACH TO BE PURCHASED DURING NEXT TWO YEARS AND REMAINING 3,000 DURING SUBSEQUENT YEAR. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE US\$300 MILLION. HOUSES ARE TO BE USED BY SINGLE MINE WORKERS, THEY WILL BE LOCATED AT OVER 13,000 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL, IN PLACES WITH STRONG WINDS, SNOW AND TORRENTIAL RAINS DURING MUCH OF THE YEAR.

2. MR. COLLIN INFORMS THAT COMIBOL IS CALLING FOR BIDS FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS AND THAT BID DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 1977. BIDDERS ARE EXPECTED TO SUBMIT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TYPE OF ORGANIZATION, START UP DATE, AMOUNT OF PAID-IN CAPITAL, SALES VOLUME FOR 1975 OF PREFABRICATED WOODEN HOUSES AND RELATED ITEMS, PATENTS, SYSTEM AND MATERIALS EMPLOYED  
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ETC.

3. MR. COLLIN IS TRAVELLING TO THE UNITED STATES WITH INTENTION OF CONTACTING QUALIFIED U.S. FIRMS CONCERNING THIS PROJECT. HE WILL BE STAYING AT PARK SHERATON HOTEL, 56TH AND SEVENTH AVE., NEW YORK, FROM JANUARY 3 TO JANUARY 7, 1977.

4. THE MAJOR PROJECT DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO ENCOURAGE INTERESTED  
AMERICAN FIRMS TO FOLLOW-UP ON THIS PROSPECT AND TO CONTACT  
MR. COLLINB BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR NEW YORK OR WHILE HE IS  
THERE. HIS LIMA ADDRESS IS:

GHARLES R. COLLING

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LIMA 100, PERU

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